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**Martin County  
Public Art Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

Commission Chambers  
Martin County  
Administration Building  
2401 SE Monterey Road  
Stuart, FL 34996

Monday, May 19, 2025

**PRESENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Chair	Robert Krebs	January 27, 2027
Vice Chair	Michael Readling	January 13, 2029
Members	Saadia Tsaftarides	January 13, 2029
	Jaime Rolle Taylor	December 31, 2027
	Chuck Smith	January 13, 2027
	Rex Sentell	January 13, 2029
	Cindy Hall	January 13, 2029

**STAFF PRESENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Community Development Coordinator	Elise Raffa
Community Development Director	Susan Kores
Community Development Specialist	Noehmi Lopez
Assistant County Attorney	Frank Moehrle
Assistant County Administrator	George Stokus

\* Indicates a motion

\*\* Indicates a vote

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Agenda Item: 25-0994 Draft Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2025

**MOTION**

\* R. Sentell motioned to approve the proposed March 24, 2025, meeting minutes as presented  
\*\* M. Readling seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** – None

**COMMENTS**

1. PUBLIC

- C. Harvey – I applied as an artist for the Manatee Pocket Mosaic Mural project. The original deadline was February 20, 2025, but it was extended to March 15, 2025. They want to cancel every application because some of the applications were incomplete. Personally, if you apply for any position, if your application is incomplete, that responsibility is on you. We have been waiting on this since March. They also want to take away a subcommittee that is a combination of staff and community members. This was a very controversial building that was built and I really feel that it's imperative to keep the community involved and that we should have a say at what we look at every single day. The application was very detailed and staff was also very helpful if you had

questions. This should not be cancelled because somebody did not complete an application or they feel somebody did not apply because of the signage request

- E. Asselin – Why is the subcommittee being done away with? We had an understanding that some of the people on the subcommittee are people that live on Park Drive that will be looking at that building and we have also heard of some people that were on the subcommittee are longtime Salerno people that would keep that fishing type of flavor in our community. We should have some involvement in this mural.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Agenda Item: 25-0991, AIPP – Manatee Pocket Mosaic Project: Review of Subcommittee**

Susan Kores, Community Development Director, and Frank Moehrle, Assistant County Attorney, presented staff recommendation to re-advertise the Call to Artists, and potential timeline constraints, staff recommends that the PAAC move to proceed without a subcommittee and instead have the full committee review and recommend an artist/project once the new call period closes.

S. Kores – We did recommend getting rid of the subcommittee and there were a couple of reasons for that one of them was that we thought Public Works needed to have the mosaic done by a certain deadline, but after speaking with them they said they could accommodate the time we would need. Secondly, subcommittee meetings need to be publicly noticed and it can be tough when reviewing a lot of applications and because we thought we were under a deadline that we would just bring the artist applications to the PAAC directly for review, but we do not have that deadline any longer.

C. Hall – So we could keep the subcommittee?

S. Kores – Yes, we could.

J. Rolle-Taylor – How many applied? What does the signage have to do with the mosaic mural?

S. Kores – 9 applications were received. We received the community's input on what they wanted for the building, and the community wanted a mosaic art piece on it. We thought it would be nice to include the wayfinding signage in the Call to Artists. In the end, it didn't work out, and applicants were submitting their applications without the wayfinding signage.

R. Krebs – Could the signage be done at another time?

S. Kores – Yes.

G. Ehrler – I think we are all in agreement and keep the subcommittee.

## MOTION

\* R. Sentell motioned to deny staff's recommendation and reform the subcommittee made of staff and community members as before

\*\* M. Readling seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

### **Agenda Item: 25-0983, AIPP – Manatee Pocket Mosaic Project: Request To Re-Advertise Call To Artists**

Susan Kores, Community Development Director, and Frank Moehrle, Assistant County Attorney, recommend that the Public Art Advisory Committee consider a motion to reject all submissions received under the original Call to Artists for the Manatee Pocket Mooring Field Upland Facility Mosaic Project and approve re-advertising the call with revised parameters.

J. Rolle-Taylor – Will you be sending the Call to Artist to the 9 that originally applied?

E. Raffa – Yes, I will email the applicants to let them know it was revised and readvertised to apply.

G. Ehrler – Can the ones who got it right get a bonus point? Do-overs are never good.

T. Krog – How many people did not have a signage component on their application?

S. Kores – There were only two responsive applications.

R. Sentell – I think when you're talking about these two things, the sign and the mosaic, you're talking about two types of art and I can imagine why somebody wants to do the main project but not the other

because it is outside of their expertise. I think its important we redo this again and for us to have the most designs possible to review with the subcommittee.

#### **MOTION**

\*R. Sentell move that the PAAC reject all submissions received under the original Call to Artists for the Manatee Pocket Mooring Field Upland Facility Mosaic Project and approve re-advertising the call with revised parameters.

\*\*C. Smith seconded and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Agenda Item: 25-0986, AIPP – Gillie and Marc Temporary Public Art Opportunity**

Elise Raffa, Community Development Coordinator, provided an update on the opportunity of a one-year loan for the bronze sculpture "It Was a Windy Day They Would Never Forget" by internationally renowned artists Gillie and Marc. Staff has reviewed potential sites and staff identified The Patio at Palm City Place as the most suitable location for this temporary installation. As a result, the proposed artwork was presented at the Old Palm City Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting held on April 21, 2025, where a motion to accept the installation was approved.

C. Hall – Do we have the budget for this?

S. Kores – We do have the funds. They would loan it to us for \$33,000 for the year and we would have the option to purchase it minus the \$33,000 at a 50% discount. It's a significant piece as far as nationality and reputation of the artists.

#### **MOTION**

\*S. Tsafarides recommends staff move forward with the artwork for the Palm City Place location

\*\*M. Reading seconded and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Agenda Item: 25-0987, AIPP – Art In Public Places Survey**

Elise Raffa, Community Development Coordinator, provided an update on the AIPP Survey. The survey consists of a five-question community survey to gather input on public art in Martin County. The survey is intended to inform future planning efforts and ensure alignment with community interests.

#### **COMMENTS**

##### **PUBLIC**

- G. Ehrler – The mosaic had a \$15,000 budget on it with the signage. Now that the signage is being removed, will it stay the same?

##### **MEMBERS**

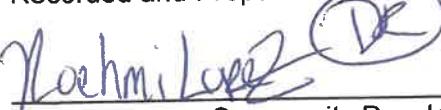
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##### **STAFF**

- None

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm.

Recorded and Prepared by:

  
Noehmi Lopez, Community Development Specialist

  
Robert "Bert" Krebs, Chair

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